REMARKS

Applicant has carefully reviewed the Final Office Action, and herein amends the present Application in accordance with the subject matter the Examiner indicated is allowable.

Reconsideration and favorable action is respectfully requested.

Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 4 and 5, which the Examiner indicated set forth allowable subject matter. Claims 6 and 7 were amended to depend from amended Claim 1. Claims 5 -7 were previously objected to for depending form a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1, 6 and 7 have been amended to overcome objection to Claims 5-7, and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 1, 6 and 7.

Claim 8 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claim 10, which the Examiner indicated sets forth allowable subject matter. Claim 11 was amended to depend from amended Claim 8. Claims 10 and 11 were previously objected to for depending form a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 8 and 11 as amended to overcome objection to Claims 10 and 11, and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 8 and 11.

Claim 12 was amended to remove the subject matter on which the Examiner based a rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicant respectfully submits that Claim 12 is now allowable over 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, and requests reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection.

Claim 12 was also amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 13 and 14, which the Examiner indicated sets forth allowable subject matter. Claims 15 was amended to depend from amended Claim 1. Claims 14 and 15 were previously objected to for depending form a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 1 and 15 have been amended to overcome objection to Claims 14 and 15, and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 12 and 15.

Claim 16 has been amended to incorporate the limitations of Claims 17, 18 and 19, which the Examiner indicated set forth allowable subject matter. Claims 20 was amended to depend from amended Claim 16. Claims 19 and 20 were previously objected to for depending form a rejected base claim. Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 16 and 20 have been amended to overcome objection to Claims 19 and 20, and requests reconsideration and allowance of Claims 16 and 20.

Applicant has amended pending Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 20 to overcome the Examiners objections to these claims set forth in the Final Office Action. Applicant requests withdrawal of the objection and allowance of pending Claims 1, 6, 7, 8, 11, 12, 15, 16 and 20.

Applicant reserves the right to file a continuing application to pursue allowance of the subject matter of Claims 1-3, 8-9, 12-13 and 16-18 prior to entry of this Amendment.

Applicant requests a telephone interview with the Examiner should the Examiner not find the present application in condition for allowance, and requests that the Examiner contact Applicant's attorney listed below to arrange an appropriate time to discuss any substantive issues pending in the Application after entry and consideration of this Amendment.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place the application in condition for allowance. For the reasons stated above, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of the claims as amended and that the Application proceed to issuance.

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The U.S. Patent & Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees due or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 502112/DTIN-27,616US for the firm HANDLEY LAW FIRM, PLLC.

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